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II. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Re-organization of the Nepal Studies Association has begun and I am pleased to announce that Professor Dor Bahadur Bista, Executive Director of the Research Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies at Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Nepal, has accepted the position of **Honorary Director**. Professor Bista has given advice and guidance to so many scholars from Nepal and abroad over the past years while being a noted scholar himself; we are very fortunate to have him associated with us in this new role.

As we look toward enlarging our membership while providing increased communication within it, we ask for suggestions toward holding a **conference** of the association in late 1981 or early 1982. We welcome proposals as to **where** the meeting should be held as well as preliminary titles of **papers** that might be presented. The subjects will have a very broad range within pan-Himalaya studies as they deal with subjects in the sciences as well as the humanities. The conference would last two or three days, presumably.

Please send your suggestions to me at:

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Along with making plans for a meeting, we are engaged in redefining the purposes and scope of the association's publication, newly entitled the Himalayan Research Bulletin. We call for news of your activities and any events, publications, grants or other sources of support, and scholars related to our field. Our editors invite articles in another section of this bulletin, and I hope that you will cooperate fully with them as they continue to work very hard to keep us informed. And it is important to remember that yearly dues are being collected now.

My best regards to you in this important time of NSA growth.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald M. Bernier